7th Grade

Highlights indicate Writing by Designo TEKS-Alignment

Knowledge and skills

- (1) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, discussion, and thinking--oral language. The student develops oral language through listening, speaking, and discussion. The student is expected to:
 - (A) listen actively to interpret a message and ask clarifying questions that build on others' ideas;
 - (B) follow and give complex oral instructions to perform specific tasks, answer questions, or solve problems;
 - (C) present a critique of a literary work, film, or dramatic production, employing eye contact, speaking rate, volume, enunciation, a variety of natural gestures, and conventions of language to communicate ideas effectively; and
 - (D) engage in meaningful discourse and provide and accept constructive feedback from others.
- (2) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking--vocabulary. The student uses newly acquired vocabulary expressively. The student is expected to:
 - (A) use print or digital resources to determine the meaning, syllabication, pronunciation, word origin, and part of speech;
 - (B) use context such as contrast or cause and effect to clarify the meaning of words; and
 - (C) determine the meaning and usage of grade-level academic English words derived from Greek and Latin roots such as omni, log/logue, gen, vid/vis, phil, luc, and sens/sent.
- (3) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking--fluency. The student reads grade-level text with fluency and

comprehension. The student is expected to adjust fluency when reading grade-level text based on the reading purpose.

- (4) Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking--self-sustained reading. The student reads grade-appropriate texts independently. The student is expected to self-select text and read independently for a sustained period of time.
- (5) Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of increasingly complex texts. The student is expected to:
 - (A) establish purpose for reading assigned and self-selected texts;
 - (B) generate questions about text before, during, and after reading to deepen understanding and gain information;
 - (C) make, correct, or confirm predictions using text features, characteristics of genre, and structures;
 - (D) create mental images to deepen understanding;
 - (E) make connections to personal experiences, ideas in other texts, and society;
 - (F) make inferences and use evidence to support understanding;
 - (G) evaluate details read to determine key ideas;
 - (H) synthesize information to create new understanding; and
 - (I) monitor comprehension and make adjustments such as re-reading, using background knowledge, asking questions, and annotating when understanding breaks down.
- (6) Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The student is expected to:
 - (A) describe personal connections to a variety of sources, including self-selected texts;

- (B) write responses that demonstrate understanding of texts, including comparing sources within and across genres;
- (C) use text evidence to support an appropriate response;
- (D) paraphrase and summarize texts in ways that maintain meaning and logical order;
- (E) interact with sources in meaningful ways such as notetaking, annotating, freewriting, or illustrating;
- (F) respond using newly acquired vocabulary as appropriate;
- (G) discuss and write about the explicit or implicit meanings of text;
- (H) respond orally or in writing with appropriate register, vocabulary, tone, and voice; and
- (I) reflect on and adjust responses as new evidence is presented.
- (7) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts-literary elements. The student recognizes and analyzes literary elements within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse literary texts. The student is expected to:
 - (A) infer multiple themes within and across texts using text evidence;
 - (B) analyze how characters' qualities influence events and resolution of the conflict;
 - (C) analyze plot elements, including the use of foreshadowing and suspense, to advance the plot; and
 - (D) analyze how the setting influences character and plot development.
- (8) Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts-genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. The student is expected to:
 - (A) demonstrate knowledge of literary genres such as realistic fiction, adventure stories, historical fiction, mysteries, humor, myths, fantasy, and science fiction;

- (B) analyze the effect of rhyme scheme, meter, and graphical elements such as punctuation and capitalization in poems across a variety of poetic forms;
- (C) analyze how playwrights develop characters through dialogue and staging;
- (D) analyze characteristics and structural elements of informational text, including:
 - (i) the controlling idea or thesis with supporting evidence;
 - (ii) features such as references or acknowledgements; and
 - (iii) organizational patterns that support multiple topics, categories, and subcategories;
- (E) analyze characteristics and structures of argumentative text by:
 - (i) identifying the claim;
 - (ii) explaining how the author uses various types of evidence and consideration of alternatives to support the argument; and
 - (iii) identifying the intended audience or reader; and
- (F) analyze characteristics of multimodal and digital texts.
- (9) Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. The student is expected to:
 - (A) explain the author's purpose and message within a text;
 - (B) analyze how the use of text structure contributes to the author's purpose;
 - (C) analyze the author's use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes;
 - (D) describe how the author's use of figurative language such as metaphor and personification achieves specific purposes;

- (E) identify the use of literary devices, including subjective and objective point of view;
- (F) analyze how the author's use of language contributes to mood, voice, and tone; and
- (G) explain the purpose of rhetorical devices such as direct address and rhetorical questions and logical fallacies such as loaded language and sweeping generalizations.
- (10) Composition: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts-writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and uses appropriate conventions. The student is expected to:
 - (A) plan a first draft by selecting a genre appropriate for a particular topic, purpose, and audience using a range of strategies such as discussion, background reading, and personal interests;
 - (B) develop drafts into a focused, structured, and coherent piece of writing by:
 - (i) organizing with purposeful structure, including an introduction, transitions, coherence within and across paragraphs, and a conclusion; and
 - (ii) developing an engaging idea reflecting depth of thought with specific facts, details, and examples;
 - (C) revise drafts for clarity, development, organization, style, word choice, and sentence variety;
 - (D) edit drafts using standard English conventions, including:
 - (i) complete complex sentences with subject-verb agreement and avoidance of splices, run-ons, and fragments;
 - (ii) consistent, appropriate use of verb tenses;
 - (iii) conjunctive adverbs;
 - (iv) prepositions and prepositional phrases and their influence on subject-verb agreement;
 - (v) pronoun-antecedent agreement;

- (vi) subordinating conjunctions to form complex sentences and correlative conjunctions such as either/or and neither/nor;
- (vii) correct capitalization;
- (viii) punctuation, including commas to set off words, phrases, and clauses, and semicolons; and
- (ix) correct spelling, including commonly confused terms such as its/it's, affect/effect, there/their/they're, and to/two/too; and
- (E) publish written work for appropriate audiences.
- (11) Composition: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts-genres. The student uses genre characteristics and craft to compose multiple texts that are meaningful. The student is expected to:
 - (A) compose literary texts such as personal narratives, fiction, and poetry using genre characteristics and craft;
 - (B) compose informational texts, including multi-paragraph essays that convey information about a topic, using a clear controlling idea or thesis statement and genre characteristics and craft;
 - (C) compose multi-paragraph argumentative texts using genre characteristics and craft; and
 - (D) compose correspondence that reflects an opinion, registers a complaint, or requests information in a business or friendly structure.
- (12) Inquiry and research: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student engages in both short-term and sustained recursive inquiry processes for a variety of purposes. The student is expected to:
 - (A) generate student-selected and teacher-guided questions for formal and informal inquiry;
 - (B) develop and revise a plan;
 - (C) refine the major research question, if necessary, guided by the answers to a secondary set of questions;

- (D) identify and gather relevant information from a variety of sources;
- (E) differentiate between primary and secondary sources;
- (F) synthesize information from a variety of sources;
- (G) differentiate between paraphrasing and plagiarism when using source materials;
- (H) examine sources for:
 - (i) reliability, credibility, and bias; and
 - (ii) faulty reasoning such as hyperbole, emotional appeals, and stereotype;
- (I) display academic citations and use source materials ethically; and
- (J) use an appropriate mode of delivery, whether written, oral, or multimodal, to present results.

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TEKS Alignment

Scope and Sequence for 7th Grade

Introductory Six Traits Lessons

Six lessons for introducing the Six Traits of Writing:

Idea, Organization, Voice, Word Choice, Sentence Fluency, and Conventions

Personal Narrative

Lesson	Objective & TEKS
Lesson 1	> Students will understand the narrative genre.
	> Students will choose an event/situation for their narrative.
	TEKS
	 5 A, C, E, G, I, 9 A, 10 A, 11 A Students will understand multiple points of view.
Lesson 2	> Students will understand multiple points of view.
	> Students will write their essay in first person.
	TEKS
	 5 A, C, 10 A, 11 A Students will identify their intended audience as they write their narrative.
Lesson 3	
	TEKS
	> 10 A, 11 A
Lesson 4	> Students will establish the mood and tone for their narrative.
	TEKS
	> 5 D, 10 C, 11 A
Lesson 5	 Students will organize the events in their narrative and show control over time and pacing.
	TEKS
	> 9 E, 10 A, 11 A
Lesson 6	 Students will write an engaging introduction.
	TEKS
	> 10 A, 11 A
Lesson 7	> Students will compose a rough draft using their outline as a guide.
	TEKS
	> 3, 4, 10 A-B, 11 A
Lesson 8	> Students will write a reflective close.
	TEKS
	> 10 A-B, 11 A

Lesson 9	 Students will use key strategies to develop characters and events in their narrative. TEKS
	> 5 D, 8 A, 9 D, 10 C, 11 A
Lesson 10	> Students will use key strategies to develop characters and events in their narratives.
	TEKS
	> 5 D, 8 A, 9 D, 10 C, 11 A
Lesson 11	Students will use figurative language effectively in their narrative.
	TEKS
	> 8 B, 9 F, 10 C, 11 A
Lesson 12	> Students will use transitions effectively.
	> Students will vary the beginning of sentences.
	TEKS
	N 10 C 11 A
T 12	> 10 C, 11 A
Lesson 13	> Students will revise their narratives using the rubric.
	TEKS
	> 1 A-B, 3, 4, 5 A, 10 D-E, 11 A
Lesson 14	> Students will edit their narrative.
	TEKS
	► 1 A-B, D, 3, 4, 5 A, 10 D-E, 11 A
Assessment	> Students will write a personal narrative that reflects what they learned during the Personal Narrative
	Unit. The narrative will include everything on the Genre Chart and will be completed in one sitting.
	TEKS
	➤ 1 A-B, 3, 4, 5 D, 8 B, 10, 11A

Summary of an Informative Text

Lesson	Objective & TEKS
Lesson 1	Students will understand the purpose of summary writing.
	> Students will understand the differences and similarities between summarizing narratives and summarizing informational texts.
	TEKS
	> 5 A, C, F-G, I, 8 D ii, 10 A, 11 B, 12 B, E
Lesson 2	> Students will understand how organizational structure affects purpose in writing.
	> Students will identify the organizational structure in the article they are reading.
	TEKS
	> 5 A, C, 8 D, 9 A-C, E, 10 A, 11 B, 12 B, E
Lesson 3	> Students will distinguish main ideas from trivial
	information.
	Students will identify the main ideas in each paragraph of the article they are reading.
	TEKS

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T 4	2 A-B, 3, 4, 5 F-G, I, 6 B-C, E, 8 Di-ii, 9 A-C, 10 A, 11 B, 12 B, E
Lesson 4	> Students will understand central idea and its function in an article or essay.
	> Students will identify the central idea in the article they are reading.
	TEKS
	≥ 2 A-B, 3, 4, 5 F, G, I, 6 C-H, 8 Di, 10 A, 11 B, 12 B, E
Lesson 5	> Students will understand how to use their outlines to compose their rough drafts.
	Students will compose the rough draft of their summary.
	TEKS
	> 3, 4, 6 C-H, 10 A-B, 11 B, 12 B, E
Lesson 6	> Students will understand the strategies used to write a conclusion.
	> Students will write the conclusion to their summary.
	TEKS
	► 6 C-D, F-H, 10 A-B, 11 B, 12 B, E
Lesson 7	> Students will understand the necessity of using their own words when writing.
	Students will practice paraphrasing idioms.
	TEKS
	2 4 5 C H 6 C D C 10 D 11 D 12 D E
Lesson 8	> 3, 4, 5 G-H, 6 C-D, G, 10 B, 11 B, 12 B, E
Lessuii o	 Students will understand the importance and purpose of academic language. Students will replace common words with academic language
	TEKS
	LAS
	> 2 A-B, 6 F, H, 10 B, 11 B, 12 B, E
Lesson 9	> Students will use transitions effectively.
	> Students will vary the beginning of sentences.
	TEKS
	> 10 B, 11 B, 12 B, E
Lesson 10	Students will revise their essays using the rubric.
	TEKS
	1 1 1 D D 2 1 5 C I 10 C 11 D 12 D E
T 11	► 1 A-B, D, 3, 4, 5 G-I, 10 C, 11 B, 12 B, E
Lesson 11	> Students will edit their essays.
	TEKS
	> 1 A-B, D, 3, 4
Assessment	 Students will write a summary of an informational text that reflects what they learned during
1 ABBCBBIIICIII	the Summary: Informational Unit. The summary should include everything on the Genre
	Chart and will be completed in one sitting.
	TEKS
	➤ 1 A-B, 2 A-B, 3, 4, 5 A-C, F-I, 6 C-H, 8 D, 9 A-E, 10, 11 B, 12 B, E
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Informative: Classification

Lesson	Objective & TEKS
Lesson 1	> Students will understand the purpose of informational writing.
	> Students will understand the organizational structure of classification.
	> Students will understand the purpose for their essay.
	TEKS
	> 5 A, C, 8 D, 9 E, 10 A, 11 B, 12 A-B,
Lesson 2	> Students will distinguish between credible sources and unreliable sources.
	TEKS
Lesson 3	 5 B, E-F, I, 3, 4, 8 F, 11 B, 12 D Students will take notes using note cards for their essay.
Lesson 3	 Students will take notes using note cards for their essay. Students will document all their sources as they conduct their research.
	TEKS
	> 2 A-B, 3, 4, 5 A-C, 5 F-I, 6 C-H, 8 D, 9 E, 10 A, 11 B
Lesson 4	> Students will understand the purpose of a thesis.
	> Students will write a thesis for their essay.
	TEKS
	> 3, 4, 5, F-I, 6 C-H, 8 D, 9 A-C, E, 10 B, 11 B, 12 E
Lesson 5	> Students will understand the purpose and benefit of creating an outline.
	> Students will organize their notes into an outline.
	TEKS
Lesson 6	 3, 4, 5 F-I, 6 C-H, 10 A-B, 11 B, 12 B-C, E Students will understand the importance of engaging the reader.
Lesson o	 Students will understand the importance of engaging the reader. Students will write an engaging introduction.
	TEKS
	> 5 A, C, E-F, 10 B, 11 B
Lesson 7	Students will understand how to use their outlines to compose their rough drafts.
	> Students will compose the rough draft of their essay.
	TEKS
	> 2 A-B, 3, 4, 5 A, C, E-F, H, 6 C-H, 10 B, 11 B, 12 E
Lesson 8	> Students will understand the strategies used to write a conclusion.
	> Students will write the conclusion to their essay.
	TEKS
	> 5 A, C, E-F, H, 6 C, D, G-H, 10 B-C, 12 E, 11 B
Lesson 9	> Students will continue to develop their essays using various strategies.
	TEKS
	N 10 D C 11 D 12 F
Lesson 10	 10 B-C, 11 B, 12 E Students will understand when and how to use parenthetical citations.
LCOOUH IV	 Students will understand when and how to use pareither a citations. Students will understand and begin to embed quotations in their essays.
	TEKS
T age 11	> 10 C, D ix-x, 11 B, 12 G
Lesson 11	> Students will understand the importance and purpose of academic language and discipline-
	specific language.Students will replace common words with academic or discipline-specific words.
	students will replace common words with academic of discipline-specific words.

	TEKS
	> 2 A-B, 6 F, 10 C, 11 B
Lesson 12	> Students will use transitions effectively.
	> Students will vary the beginning of sentences.
	TEKS
	> 10 C, 11 B
Lesson 13	> Students will understand how illustrations can help aid comprehension.
	> Students will incorporate illustrations in their essay.
	TEKS
	> 8 D ii, 11 B
Lesson 14	> Students will revise their essays using the rubric.
	TEKS
	> 1 A-B, D, 2 A-B, 3, 4, 5 G, I, 6 G, H, 10 C, 11 B, 12 A-C
Lesson 15	> Students will edit their essays.
Lesson 15	TEKS
	➤ 1 A-B, D, 2 A-B, 3, 4, 10 D, 11 B
Lesson 16	> Students will apply MLA format to the final draft of their essays.
	TEKS
	> 10 D, E, 11 B, 12 J
Assessment	> Students will write an informational essay that reflects what they learned during the
	Classification Unit.
	TEKS
	➤ 1 A-B, 2 A-B, 3, 4, 5 A-C, E-I, 6 C-G, 8 D, 9 A-C, E, 10, 11 B, 12 A-H

Argumentative

Lesson	Objective & TEKS
Lesson 1	> Students will understand the purpose of argumentative writing.
	> Students will understand the purpose for writing an argument.
	TEKS
	> 5 A, C, 8 E, 10 A, 11 C, 12 A-B
Lesson 2	> Students will distinguish between credible sources and unreliable sources.
	TEKS
	> 2 A-B, 3, 4, 5 B, E-F, I, 6 A-G 8 E ii, F, 11 C, 12 D
Lesson 3	> Students will take notes using note cards for their essay.
	> Students will document all their sources as they conduct their research.
	TEKS
	> 2 A-B, 3, 4, 6 A-I, 8 E i-ii, 11 C, 12 A-G
Lesson 4	> Students will understand the purpose of a thesis.
	> Students will write a thesis for their essay.
	TEKS
	> 3, 4, 6 A-I, 8 E, 10 A, 11 C, 12 A-C, E

Lesson 5	Students will understand the purpose and benefit of creating an outline.
	> Students will organize their notes into an outline.
	TEKS
Lesson 6	2 A-B, 3, 4, 5 F-I, 6 E, 8 E i-ii, 10 A, 11 C, 12 B-C
Lesson 6	> Students will understand the importance of considering their audience and anticipating
	counterclaims.
	Students will identify possible counterclaims and write a rebuttal.
	TEKS
	> 5 E, F, H, 6 B-E, 8 E iii, 6 B-E, 10 A, 11 C, 12 A-E
Lesson 7	> Students will understand the importance of engaging the reader.
	> Students will write an engaging introduction.
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T 0	> 10 B, 11 C
Lesson 8	> Students will understand how to use their outlines to compose their rough drafts.
	> Students will compose the rough draft of their essay.
	TEKS
	> 3, 4, 4 G-H, 5 G-H, 6 A-G, 8 E, 10 A-B, 11 C, 12 A-F
Lesson 9	> Students will understand the strategies used to write a conclusion.
	> Students will write the conclusion to their essay.
	TEKS
	> 5 H, 6 B-D, 10 B, 11 C
Lesson 10	
Lesson 10	> Students will continue to develop reasons and evidence in their essays.
	TEKS
	> 2 A-B, 3, 4, 5 G-I, 6 A-I, 8 E, 9 A-C, 10 B, 11 C, 12 A-F
Lesson 11	> Students will understand when and how to use parenthetical citations.
	Students will understand and begin to embed quotations in their essays.
	TEKS
	> 12 G, I
Lesson 12	> Students will understand the importance and purpose of academic language and discipline-specific
Lesson 12	language.
	 Students will replace common words with academic or discipline-specific words.
	TEKS
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	> 3 A-B, 6 F, 9 F, 10 C, 11 C
Lesson 13	Students will use transitions effectively.
	> Students will vary the beginning of sentences.
	TEKS
	> 10 C, 11 C
Lesson 14	> Students will revise their essays using the rubric.
	TEKS
	► 1 A R D 5 I 6 G 8 F 10 C 11 C 12 A F
T 45	> 1 A-B, D, 5 I, 6 G, 8 E, 10 C, 11 C, 12 A-F
Lesson 15	> Students will edit their essays.
	TEKS
	> 1 A-B, D, 10 D-E, 11 C

Lesson 16	> Students will apply MLA format to the final draft of their essays.
	TEKS
	> 11 D, 12 I-J
Assessment	> Students will write an opinion essay that reflects what they learned during the Opinion Unit.
	TEKS
	➤ 1 A-B, 2 A-B, 3, 4, 5 A-C, F-I, 6 A-I, 8 E, 9 A-C, F, 10, 11 C, 12

Total Number of Lessons: 67